Consultation with unions on changes in labour laws

967. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report captioned, "Unions want to be consulted labour law changes" which appeared in 'The Hindu', dated the 12th May, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring forward some amendments in the labour laws so as to expedite programme of liberalization; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the unions would be consulted before finalizing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Trade Union Organisations have been generally opposing amendments in labour laws unless these are perceived as beneficial to the working class.

(c) and (d) Review/updation of labour laws in an ongoing process in order to bring them in tune with the prevailing situation and emerging needs of the economy. Taking into consideration the requirement of productivity, competitiveness and employment generation, a need has been felt to make amendments in certain labour laws and steps initiated accordingly. Mean while, the National Commission on Labour has submitted its report to the Government on 29.06.2002. The recommendations of the Commission cover wide range of issues which require consultation with all concerned organizations/agencies/social partners before these are accepted/implemented.

Eligibility criteria for recruitment of Foremen in ITIs

†968. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the eligibility criteria and rules prescribed for recruitment of Foremen

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.